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Arizona Cattle Inventory Up 6 Percent

Arizona's all cattle inventory as of January 1, 2005, is estimated at 910,000 head, 6 percent higher than last January's revised estimate of 860,000. The beef cow inventory held steady at 175,000 head, but the milk cow inventory increased 10,000 head from a year ago. Other classes of increased inventory included steers, at 330,000 head, up 70,000 and milk replacement heifers, at 42,000 head, up 5, 000. The 2004 calf crop increased 2 percent, to 275,000 head.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004. Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.79 million,

down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent. The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

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